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Empire of Turkey, is there any prop left to Islam?

Oh, ye people of the Unity! Read your history! Look at the despised graves of your kings! If you desire honor and glory, houris and damsels, behold all are awaiting you. Eternal joys, the shade of green trees, houris, angels are in the grasp of your sword. Think of these. But if you rather think of earthly things, know that weakness, dishonor, and oppression will surround you in this world like a ring of fire, and in the next world you will be cast out to live in torments. For if you throw down your arms and leave the battlefield you will bring upon your heads bitter anguish. Do you not understand this? You have become slaves of the people of the Cross . . . .

Behold! God has bestowed upon you a greater favor. The tears of the faithful for centuries past are bearing fruit. Your enemies are trembling under your hand. Attack them from every side. Whenever you meet them,

kill them. Quicken the failing proclamation of the Unity by the fire of your rifles and cannon, and by the blows of your swords and knives. Cause the minarets and mountains and wildernesses to resound once more with the cry, 'Allah! Allah!'

Jihad! Jihad! Ah, Moslems, blow the trumpet everywhere, Oh, people of the Unity. The great God is ordering you to fight with your foes everywhere. God will put them to shame in your hands; He will give you the victory; He will quench the fire of their hate. Do not forget. God has purchased the souls and the property of the faithful. In exchange he gives you the houris and damsels of heaven."

This religious document of the Moslems is responsible, we are told, for the horrors mentioned above. Yet it promises to the "faithful" the rich reward of Paradise.

And yet Christian nations urged this Holy War of Moslems!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The various plans of accredited and co-ordinated religious instruction of public-school pupils are attracting general attention. Not only will the general plan of week-day religious instruction constitute the theme for the convention of the Religious Education Association next year, but there is already organized under the leadership of the International Sunday School Association a special commission to study the different experiments. The commission expects to proceed on a basis of study and membership as broad as the patronage of the public schools. The most interesting experiments are those in Gary, Indiana, and the numerous schools in Colorado and South Dakota. The different plans are described in a report presented at the Northern Baptist Convention and reprinted as a pamphlet.

The office of the Religious Education Association reports a larger number of

vacancies for directors of religious education in local churches than there are men or women to supply this need. All thoroughly trained directors, graduates from the departments of religious education in the different schools offering this work, have no difficulty in finding suitable places. The churches are insisting, however, on thorough professional training.

It is announced that the World's Sunday School Convention will be held in Tokyo, Japan, next year regardless of the present war situation.

Three days of the important educational congresses at the Panama-Pacific Exposition are to be devoted to the subject of religious education. The meetings of these congresses, which occur from August 16 to September 5, are to be held in the Oakland City Auditorium, and the program for the days August 27-29 has been prepared by

the Religious Education Association. The morning sessions of the congress are to be given up to the discussion of the problems in the Sunday schools and public schools, the afternoon to the college problems, and the night programs to addresses on "Reli-

gious Education and the New World Order." The speakers at the last-mentioned sessions include such well-known men as Chancellor David Starr Jordan, Commissioner P. P. Claxton, President H. C. King, President Joseph Swain, and President A. Ross Hill.

## CHURCH EFFICIENCY

### **A German Scholar's Forecast of German Religion**

Professor Deissmann, of the University of Berlin, is sending weekly letters to various theological professors and others giving an account of the religious life in Germany during the War. In a recent letter he gives an outline of an address he gave upon "The War and the Ethico-Religious Renewal of National Life." After declaring that the war found Germany in the moment of "manifest intensification of religious and moral interest" and that it had caused "an unheard-of psycho-religious tension" in which the "destructive forces of war have proved to be the renewing agencies of the religious and moral life of our people," Professor Deissmann goes on to show how Christianity has been refined in Germany. He then raises the question as to whether a part of this new energy can be stored up for the future of Germany as a Christian country. Regarding the spiritual force as called forth in this unparalleled struggle as a treasure intrusted to the German folk by God, Professor Deissmann sees in it the beginnings of a "congregation embracing the whole nation, which through bitter conflict has become more superb and pure, stretching itself forth to the coming of the Kingdom of God."

As belonging to the ethico-religious effects of the War, Professor Deissmann mentions:

"a) The simplification of our entire economic life and the sanitation of our conception of the aim and the duties of our national existence.

"b) The social, the interdenominational, and the inner Protestant state of harmony and peace.

"c) A more heroic conception of Christianity as based upon Jesus and the gospel.

"d) The deepening and enrichment of the soul, brought about by the immense sacrifices made, and thereby the more vigorous concentration upon the certainty of eternal life which goes with it."

This expression of a great scholar and earnest Christian is significant in what it omits as well as in what it expresses. Nothing is said as to the Christianizing of internationalism, nothing as to the Christian estimate of the morality of war. The fact that this address received the general approval of the conference at which it was delivered, and especially when compared with recent utterances of Professor Troeltsch, may be taken as an indication that the general drift of the religious revival discovered by them in Germany is individualistic. That is, the principles of Jesus are applicable to the relations of individuals and religious bodies, but the relations of nations are to be determined by the ordinary course of politics, without any attempt to substitute the sacrificial spirit of Jesus for the military spirit of David.

The future alone can tell whether this is to be the final conception of the real content of the gospel message as set forth in the Sermon on the Mount, the Cross on the Mount, and the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.